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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

LAROCCA ET AL.

Examiner

Chuong D. Ngo

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 April 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 14-26 and 29-31 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12, 13, 27, 28, 32 and 33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant is requested to update the current status of all U.S. patent applications cited in page 1 of specification.

2. Claims 12, 27, 32 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Liou et al. (4,791,598).

Liou et al. discloses in figure 3 a system having a plurality of processors (RAC[1]-RAC[N]), each having a corresponding output registers (U1-UN). The transfer data in the system including transferring a current group of data (Y) from each processor to its corresponding output register, receiving and processing the next group of data within each processor, the next group of data including data (x) and at least a portion of the current group of data (27) feed back to a corresponding processor (see figure 4), and simultaneously transferring the portion of data from output register N to output register N-1, the portion of data from output register N-1 to output register N-2, and so on, and transferring the portion of data from register 1 to a frame buffer (5) (see also figure 5, and col. 7, lines 35-44).

3. Claims 13 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liou et al. (4,791,598) as applied to claims 12 and above, and further in view of Aitan et al. (5,754,456).

It is noted that Liou et al. does not teach saturating the current group of data. However, Aitan et a. discloses in col. 4, lines 45-52 that "if an operation is performed using saturation the value of the data element is clamped to a predetermined maximum or minimum value when the result of the operation exceeds the range of the data element. Exceeding the range of the data

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element is also referred to as data overflow or underflow. The use of saturation avoids the unwanted side effects caused by data overflow or underflow.” Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in art to perform saturation on the accumulating current outputs (Y) in Aitan et al in order in to avoids the unwanted side effects caused by data overflow or underflow.

4. Claims 1-11,14-26 and 29-31 are allowed.

5. Applicant's arguments filed on 04/04/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive since Liou et al. also discloses in figure 4 the next group of data for processing including data (x) and at least a portion of the current group of data (27) feed back to a corresponding processor as claimed.

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuong D. Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-3731. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki can be reached on (571) 272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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